

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 13-17, 2006, as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation; and

WHEREAS, international education and exchange includes thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders. These include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

WHEREAS, by participating in such programs, our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, breaking down barriers to understanding and cooperation which are vital to peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, we live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness, and national security; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the value of international education in our lives and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2006, as

International Education Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 9th day of October, 2006

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

